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Re: Illinois v. Monsanto Company (River's Edge Landfill)

Dear Mr. Barnickol:

Although Solutia Inc. ("Solutia") already possesses actual knowledge of and a copy of the Consent Order at issue here, in accordance with § IV.A. of a Consent Order entered in the Circuit Court for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit, St. Clair County, Illinois, and signed by Monsanto Company ("Monsanto") on October 16, 1991, in the case styled People of the State of Illinois v. Monsanto Company, No. 82-CH-195, Monsanto is hereby providing notice to you of the existence of said Consent Order. The Consent Order regards the "River's Edge Landfill," also known as Site R. The Consent Order is binding upon Monsanto, its successors and assigns.

Monsanto Company intends to separate its chemicals business into a separate, publicly-traded company. On or about September 1, 1997, certain of Monsanto's assets will be transferred to Solutia and Solutia will assume certain liabilities, including liabilities associated with the Saugert, Illinois sites. Until that time Solutia will be a wholly owned subsidiary of Monsanto. Concurrent with the asset transfer, the common stock of Solutia will be distributed to Monsanto shareholders and become publicly traded.

If you should have questions regarding this notice, please contact me. If you have any questions regarding the remaining obligations under the Consent Order to be performed by Solutia, please contact Steve Smith at 314-674-4660.

Sincerely,


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